

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

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Washington, D. C., April 9.—During the past week thousands upon thousands of letters and telegrams have been delivered at the offices of the 435 Members of Congress urging the respective recipients to vote against the Reorganization Bill. No one can possibly determine whether this deluge of messages from "back home" in themselves caused any one member to oppose the bill who might otherwise have supported it. But that they have had some effect upon the attitude of the House no one can very well dispute.

The average Member of Congress keeps his "ear to the ground." He keeps it especially close to the ground in an election year. It might be said that in the months immediately preceding the time that the people go to the polls the Congressional ear is unusually acute to the rumblings, especially the grumbings, in the respective districts.

He is well aware that an alert endeavor to take political advantage of these rumblings and all the grumbings. He knows, too, it is rather easy to capitalize upon an unpopular vote made at "campaign time" when public feeling runs high on the question. The opponent does not have to gain adherents by manufacturing issues. One is already made for him.

We are speaking of the average Member of Congress. There are the exceptions, and they are very few indeed, who listen only to the dictates of their own mind and conscience. It is only the exception who has the intellectual ability and the courage to strive to formulate public opinion rather than be led by it. It is the rare Member of Congress who is not influenced by some degree by expression of opinion from "back home."

Even if this deluge of messages did not change a single vote on the Reorganization Bill, it at least caused the Congress to proceed with care in its consideration of the proposal. The letters and telegrams at least caused many Members of Congress to think twice before they jumped. And that is a wholesome result. They also helped dampen the enthusiasm of the proponents

and stimulated the opposition. That which might have been only a latent or passive opposition was stimulated into active resistance.

In order to discredit these messages from the people, the Administration leaders have contended the amount to nothing more than inspired propaganda. It has been argued that only partisans wrote letters and sent telegrams, and that they were bought and paid for by Administration opponents and came only from Republicans.

All of us more or less recognize propaganda when we see it. No doubt letters and telegrams were sent at the instigation of this organization or that. No doubt some of them were inspired. But if those I personally received are representative of those received by other Members, I can honestly say there is every indication that the majority of the senders expressed their sincere, honest conviction arrived at after some thought. Few were identical. Many showed the personality of the writer and many evidenced originality of thought.

It is not simply these letters and telegrams that have created the opposition to the Reorganization Bill. Nor is it the result of pressure from home in an election year. In fact, it is not even the Reorganization Bill as such that has aroused so much opposition to it.

That which has aroused fears and concern among the people and in Congress over this particular bill is more than the delegation of power which the measure itself would make. Rather there is anxiety because this bill represents another delegation of power without sufficient checks being retained by Congress. It is the fact that it is another and not just one delegation of power that concerns the people.

In other words, if we are to understand what lies behind the bitter opposition to the Reorganization Bill, we must look at more than the bill itself. We must look at the delegations of power on other matters which Congress has made to the executive. The people are aroused to the dangers of a continuation of this procedure. The Reorganization Bill itself will not destroy our form of government but the continuous following of the theory of the proposal will mean an end to democratic processes.

The Reorganization Bill itself will not create a dictator. That is a misconception of the contents of the measure. But the powers already delegated, the power this bill will delegate and a continuation of that philosophy will most certainly create a complete one-man government. I interpret many of the communications I have received against the Reorganization Bill to indicate that the people desire an end to the philosophy of government it exemplifies.

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Deerfield Postmaster Announces National Air Mail Week in May

Postmaster John J. Welch announces that during the period May 15th to 21st, 1938, which has been designated "National Air Mail Week," the Post Office department will commemorate the 20th anniversary of regular air mail service and desires to acquaint the public with a brief view of its history, which is as follows:

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Use the air mail service—Give wings to your letter, especially during National Air Mail Week, May 15th to 21st.

McRoy Ticket Wins Deerfield Election

The largest and most exciting election in the history of the Deerfield Grammar school was held Saturday with 726 votes cast. There were 148 straight ballots for the McRoy ticket and 46 straight votes for the opposing ticket. James Russell ran independently. M. B. McRoy was elected president of the newly established board of education and the six successful candidates for board members are Robert F. Grohe, George Harder, H. C. Hawes, Raymond Meyer, Agnes Tennermann, and Myrtle Weiss.

Following is the tabulation of candidates and votes:

	Votes
For president	
Burton B. McRoy	428
E. B. Jordan	273
For members (six to be elected)	
Robert F. Grohe	438
George C. Harder	478
Henry C. Hawes	365
Raymond T. Meyer	387
Agnes M. Tennermann	409
Myrtle A. Weiss	389
James G. Russell	216
Glenn G. Briscoe	229
T. G. Johnson	231
E. G. Jacobson	223
Milton O. Olson	319
Homer G. Cazel	263
Miriam S. Easton	239

The president of a board of education is elected each year. The six members will draw lots to determine which two will have terms of one year, two years and three years.

Why we have more murders than other countries! Man, not woman, used cosmetics first! Several of the interesting features in THE AMERICAN WEEKLY, the magazine distributed with NEXT SUNDAY'S CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER.

Gilbert S. Haggerty Buys Deerfield Land

Gilbert S. Haggerty, 127 Hazel avenue, Highland Park, purchased for an undisclosed price the twenty-eight acre estate at the northwest corner of County Line and Saunderson roads, Deerfield, from the American National Life Insurance company. The property, once the home of W. S. Walker, former Highland Park banker, is improved with a red brick colonial house which the new owner will occupy. Hart, Shaw & Co. of Lake Forest represented the buyer.

Must Enforce Motor Vehicle License Law

Another plea for enforcement of the Motor Vehicle license law by local officers and police of the State Highway division was issued today by Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes through the State Automobile department.

Plates have been available to all motorists since Dec. 14 and warnings have been given in the months of February and March. Failure to abide by the law is a serious hindrance to the enforcement of other laws and interferes in the apprehension of criminals because of difficulty in tracing cars through licenses. The Motor Vehicle Law stipulates Jan. 1 as the deadline for the purchase of license plates.

"Men Must Fight" Next Production of Deerfield Stagers

Since the beginning of time the world has been cursed with conflicts, some apparently excusable, some apparently inexcusable, but all, in the last analysis, absolutely unnecessary. In investigating the fundamental causes of war, one finds greed, stupidity, hate, envy, lust—a whole gamut of emotions—plus one other trait or characteristic, a trait that lurks in all male breasts. To define this peculiar and universal characteristic is virtually impossible; to portray it, somewhat easier. On May 6 at the Deerfield Grammar school, the Stagers will present, in their production of "Men Must Fight," an interpretation of this particular bit of human psychology. In this drama, packed with tense moments, rich in irony, pity and deep feeling, an American family is displayed, a family torn between pacifism and patriotic duty. Fatherly duty, mother love, doubt, despair, obligations to one's country as opposed to obligations to one's conscience will appear on the mirror-like stage, literally a mirror because of the accurate portrayals the authors have drawn, portrayals which will reach the hearts of all audiences. Without taking sides on any issue, the final decision is left up to the spectator, in which fact lies the great power of this drama, by far the most potent of productions presented by the Stagers to date.

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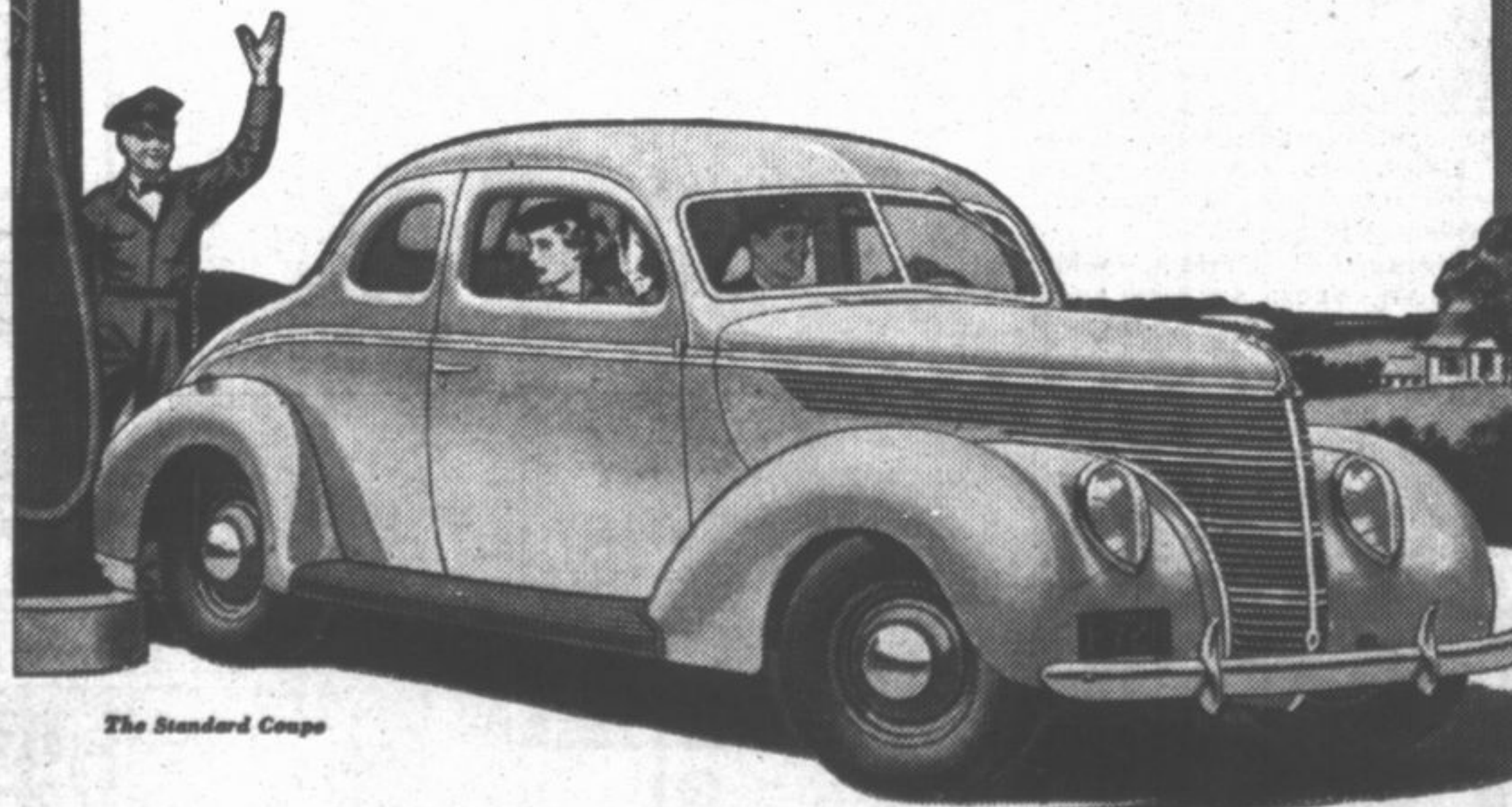
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